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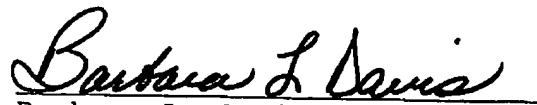
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment in response to the Official Action mailed January 11, 2005, in application Serial No. 09/844,843, filed on April 27, 2001, of Claudiu D. Pruteanu et al, entitled "AUTOMATED LOADER ARM", and a transmittal letter are being sent by facsimile transmission to: The Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on February 9, 2005.



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 MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
 Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to an Office Action mailed January 11, 2005 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Official Action dated January 11, 2005, which carried the normal shortened-statutory period for response of three months so that a reply is due by April 11, 2005.

It is requested that the following amendments to the claims be entered: